S. No.	Name
17.	UNITED TELECOMS LTD.
18.	UNITEL COMMUNI-CATIONS LTD.
19.	WEBEL COMMUNICATION INDUSTRIES LTD.
20.	ASSAM ELECTRONICS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS LTD.
21.	DIGICOM SYSTEMS LTD.
22.	KLIPPON ELECTRONICS PRIVATE LIMITED
23.	REDDY COMMUNICATION PRODUCTS LIMITED
24.	TEXTON TELECOM PVT. LTD.

Deterioration in Telecom Services in the North East

2661. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecommunication services in the North East are one of the worst in the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Inefficient Functioning of MTNL

2662. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of foreign missions have expressed their unhappiness over the inefficient and arbitray functioning of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL);

(b) whether any member of the diplomatic corps has lodged a formal protest to the Ministry of External Affairs; and

(c) what is the nature of the grievances and what corrective measures have been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, on behalf of the Resident Deplomats in Delhi, has brought to the Ministry of External Affairs's notice the problems being encountered by them. The complaints mainly pertain to inflated Telephone bills which are disproportionate to the actual usage by the embassy or the Head of Mission concerned.

(c) These were generally complaints of excess billing which have been settled. A nodal officer has been appointed to deal with all works for foreign missions. All Missions have been informed accordingly. Senior officers of the MTNL are meeting individual Heads of the missions personally to redress their problems.

Modernisation of Telecom System in West Godaveri

2663. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether there was a proposal to use ultra modern fibre wiring for linking some telecom exchanges in West Godavery district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, details of exchanges which were to have modern wiring system;

(c) whether it is a fact that even rural areas in West Godaveri with STD service are not getting optimum service; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to modernise the whole telecom system in West Godaveri district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir. As a